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Office of Administration (ADM)
Items of Interest
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Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Comment on the Branch Technical Position on the Import of Non-U.S. Origin Radioactive Sources; Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Comment; 10 CFR Part 110 (NRC-2012-0008)

On January 20, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* a notice of plans to conduct a public meeting (77 FR 2924) on January 24, 2012, in Rockville, Maryland, to solicit input on a draft Branch Technical Position (BTP) on the Import of non-U.S. Origin Radioactive Sources. The staff is holding a public meeting to obtain comments from stakeholders on the draft BTP and to discuss implementation issues associated with the "U.S. origin" exclusion. The comment period ends on March 5, 2012.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Codes and New and Revised ASME Code Cases: Corrections; Final Rule; Correcting Amendments; 10 CFR Part 50 (RIN 3150-A135, NRC-2008-0554)

On January 23, 2012, the NRC published in the *Federal Register* a notice of correcting amendments to a final rule (77 FR 3073) correcting the preamble, or statements of consideration, and the codified text in a final rule that was published in the *Federal Register* on June 21, 2011 (76 FR 36232). The final rule amended the NRC's regulations to incorporate by reference various editions and addenda to the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, and the ASME Code for Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants. The final rule also incorporated by reference (with conditions on their use) ASME B&PV Code Cases N-722-1 and N-770-1. This document is necessary to correct typographical, formatting, and punctuation errors. The correction was effective on January 23, 2012, and applicable to July 21, 2011, the date the original rule became effective.

Organization of Agreement States and Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control: Withdrawal of Proposed Rule and Closure of Petition for Rulemaking; 10 CFR Part 31 (Docket No. PRM-31-5; NRC-2005-0018; NRC-2008-0272)

On January 25, 2012, the NRC published a *Federal Register* notice (77 FR 3640) withdrawing a proposed rule and closing a petition for rulemaking (PRM-31-5) submitted by the Organization of Agreement States, Inc. The petition requested that the NRC amend its regulations to strengthen the regulation of radioactive materials by requiring a specific license for higher-activity devices that are currently available under a general license, and change the compatibility designation of applicable regulations from category B to category C. The petition also addressed a request filed by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control, to change the compatibility category of a certain part of the applicable regulation from category B to category C. In response to the petition, the NRC developed a proposed rule that would have changed the compatibility of the applicable regulations, and would have limited the quantity of byproduct material contained in a generally-licensed device to below one-tenth of the International Atomic Energy Agency Category 3 thresholds. After further review, the NRC has decided to withdraw the proposed rule and to change the compatibility designation of the applicable regulations from category B to category C. The proposed rule to limit the quantity of byproduct material contained in a generally-licensed device (74 FR 38372; August 3, 2009) was withdrawn on January 25, 2012. The docket for PRM-31-5 was closed on January 25, 2012.

Office of Human Resources (HR)
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Arrivals		
Armellini, Patricia	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
Fowler, Kevin	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR	OI
Stephen, Thomas	RESIDENT INSPECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	R-II
Walker, Darnell	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-II
Retirements		
Clayton, Kathleen	SR. CORRESPONDENCE ANALYST	OEDO
Departures		
Currie, Bruce	CIVIL RIGHTS SPECIALIST	SBCR
Toukatly, Kelly	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	R-I

Office of Information Services (OIS)
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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Information Technology Working Group Meeting

On January 26, 2012, staff from the Information and Records Services Division attended an Information Technology (IT) Working Group Meeting sponsored by the Office of Information Policy (OIP), Department of Justice (DOJ). OIP has been hosting working group meetings to discuss the use of IT tools to improve the administration of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). There were three guest speakers from DOJ that discussed their use of E-Discovery tools. They stressed that staff from FOIA, IT and records management together must determine what works best and that IT technologies can be used to reduce the volume of responsive records but that these technologies should not drive the FOIA process, but should support and enhance it where possible.

FOIA and Privacy Act (PA) Requests Received During the Period of January 20, 2012 through January 26, 2012:

Allegation RI-2010-A-0048	FOIA/PA-2012-0116
Former NRC license Nos: 19-01398-32, SNM-11, SNM-53, SNM-1192 and STB-187, describe the locales and menus of storage and disposal of source materials governed under the license and any notice of violation dated 1957-1970	FOIA/PA-2012-0117
FOIA Logs 1/01/08-1/03/2012	FOIA/PA-2012-0118
Correspondence regarding Region I request for technical assistance to evaluate the consequences of alkali-silica reaction degradation at Seabrook (ML111610530)	FOIA/PA-2012-0119
Log of all FOIA requests submitted concerning Senator Claire McCaskill of Missouri or Mr. Joseph Shepard of Missouri, 1/01/2007-1/25/2012	FOIA/PA-2012-0120

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)
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White Mesa Site Visit

On January 18, 2012, the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards staff coordinated and participated in a visit to the Denison's White Mesa uranium mill near Blanding, Utah with staff from the Departments of Defense, State, and Commerce, and close coordination from Region IV and the State of Utah. The purpose of the site visit was to review the facility's responsibilities under the U.S. Additional Protocol, review the complementary access process and perform a facility walkthrough. White Mesa staff was very accommodating and provided a good site overview.

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Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1, National Fire Protection Association Standard (NFPA), Standard 805 Regulatory Audit

During the week of January 23, 2012, the staff concluded an NFPA 805 regulatory audit at the Callaway Plant. The audit team conducted interviews, breakout meetings, and plant tours with the licensee's staff and their contractors to review NFPA 805 transition documents related to Callaway Plant's license amendment request.

In-service Inspection Results at Three Mile Island, Unit 1, and Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1

On January 26, 2012, the staff met with representatives of Exelon Generation Company and Entergy Operations to discuss recent in-service inspection results at Three Mile Island, Unit 1, and Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1. The discussion involved tube-to-tube wear indications that have been observed during steam generator (SG) tube inspections at both facilities. The staff is interested in the details of these inspection results because tube-to-tube wear is a degradation mechanism not previously observed in replacement SG inspections at facilities with Babcock and Wilcox nuclear steam supply systems. Further details may be found in the meeting notice at ADAMS Accession No. ML120050036.

Office of Public Affairs (OPA)
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OPA Received Significant Media Inquiries on the Following:

The review of Pilgrim nuclear plant's (MA) license renewal application; the decision to stop emergency preparedness training because of a dispute with Entergy over funding

Two confirmatory orders issued to Entergy and a licensed operator at Palisades nuclear plant (MI); traditional enforcement issues and color findings

The Alternative Dispute Resolution settlement involving violations by radiation protection technicians at FitzPatrick nuclear plant (NY)

The Augmented Inspection Team arriving at Wolf Creek nuclear plant (KS) to review the circumstances surrounding the reactor trip on January 13, 2012

Other Public Affairs Items:

OPA supported the following media interviews and events:

- An interview of an FSME staffer by Fuel Cycle Week regarding the regulation of uranium recovery facilities

OPA issued two posts:

- NRC Moves its Public Photo Gallery to Flickr
- Three Minutes: New NRC Q&A Series Kicks Off

OPA posted on YouTube: NRC Q&A Series: Three Minutes with ACRS

Press Releases Issued	
Headquarters:	
12-009	NRC to Discuss Safety and Environmental Review Process for Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant License Renewal Application (01/25)
Regions:	
III-12-003	NRC Issues Confirmatory Orders to Palisades Plant Owner Entergy and Plant Operator (01/26)
I-12-002	NRC Confirms Actions to be Taken at FitzPatrick Nuclear Plant to Address Violations Involving Radiation Protection Program (01/26)
IV-12-005	NRC to Send Augmented Inspection Team to Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station (01/25)

Office of the Secretary (SECY)
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Document Released to Public	Date	Subject
Decision Documents		
1. SECY-12-0003	1/09/2012	Draft Final Policy Statement on Volume Reduction and Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management
2. SECY-12-0004	1/10/2012	10 CFR Parts 2, 12, 51, 54, and 61 "Amendments to Adjudicatory Process Rules and Related Requirements" (RIN 3150-A143)
Information Papers		
1. SECY-12-0012	1/26/2012	Weekly Information Report – Week Ending January 20, 2012

Commission Correspondence

1. Letter to Lee Hamilton and Brent Scowcroft, Department of Energy/Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on America's Nuclear Future, dated January 13, 2012, provides invitation to meet with the Commission at a public meeting on the final report of the BRC on America's Nuclear Future.

Federal Register Notices Issued

1. Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), Subcommittee on Power Uprates, notice of meeting (02/23/2012).
2. ACRS, notice of 591st meeting (02/09-02/11/2012).
3. ACRS, Subcommittee on U.S. Evolutionary Power, notice of meeting (02/21-02/23/2012).
4. ACRS, Subcommittee on Thermal – Hydraulics Phenomena, notice of meeting (02/22/2012).